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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEYER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 30, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONALD S. BEYER, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God of eternity, we pray Your blessing on the year 2022. As we reflect on the days and months that passed, may we show You our gratitude for all the grace gifts of Your bounty. We count among our many blessings the privilege we have been given to serve You in this time and this place, with the skills and talents, hearts and souls You have endowed us.

We pray that the words we spoke, the decisions we made, the relationships we shared would, in Your mercy, have been worthy of the trust You have placed in us.

Likewise, we consider the heartache and challenge this year has endured: the war raging in Ukraine; the senseless gun violence that has destroyed the future of innocent children and robbed countless others of their hopes and dreams; and the tragedies suffered by victims of violent floods and storms, which ravaged homes and neighborhoods.

Lord, as we call these calamities to mind, we pray that we may not despair the past and succumb to a spirit of fear

for the year to come, but in renewed faith, may we cling to the power and love You make available to us always.

May we hold sure to the steadfastness of Your grace plan, which is the same today as yesterday, and ever in our future.

We pray this in Your sovereign name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 6 of House Resolution 1529, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 30, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 3(b) of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 15202), I am pleased to appoint the following member to the Medal of Valor Review Board on behalf of the Speaker:

Mr. THOMAS C. O'HALLERAN, Sedona, Arizona.

As previously agreed, because of the change in Congress and the presumed statu-

tory intent of the Commission, I am appointing Mr. O'HALLERAN on behalf of the Speaker. As such, I am pleased to make this appointment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by Speaker pro tempore DELAURO on Wednesday, December 28, 2022:

H.R. 680, for the relief of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar;

H.R. 897, to take certain lands in California into trust for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1154, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain lands as the Great Dismal Swamp National Heritage Area, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2617, making consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, and for providing emergency assistance for the situation in Ukraine, and for other purposes;

S. 450, to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley;

S. 989, to establish a Native American language resource center in furtherance of the policy set forth in the Native American Languages Act;

S. 1294, to authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to foreign persons that have engaged in significant theft of trade secrets of United States persons, and for other purposes;

S. 1402, to amend the Native American Languages Act to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, and for other purposes;

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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S. 1541, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require the Federal Communications Commission to ensure just and reasonable charges for telephone and advanced communications services in correctional and detention facilities;

S. 1942, to standardize the designation of National Heritage Areas, and for other purposes;

S. 2333, to amend chapter 2205 of title 36, United States Code, to ensure equal treatment of athletes, and for other purposes;

S. 2834, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers under the Medicare program;

S. 3168, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to modify the enforceability date for certain provisions, and for other purposes;

S. 3308, to authorize the Colorado River Indian Tribes to enter into lease or exchange agreements and storage agreements relating to water of the Colorado River allocated to the Colorado River Indian Tribes, and for the other purposes;

S. 3405, to require the Federal Communications Commission to issue a rule providing that certain low power television stations may be accorded primary status as Class A television licenses, and for other purposes;

S. 3519, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Butterfield Overland National Historic Trail, and for other purposes;

S. 3773, to authorize the leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation;

S. 3946, to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2017, and for other purposes;

S. 3949, to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and for other purposes;

S. 4104, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Hualapai Tribe and certain allottees in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, and for other purposes;

S. 4120, to maximize discovery, and accelerate development and availability, of promising childhood cancer treatments, and for other purposes;

S. 4240, to amend section 2441 of title 18, United States Code, to broaden the scope of individuals subject to prosecution for war crimes;

S. 4411, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5302 Galveston Road in Houston, Texas, as the "Vanessa Guillen Post Office Building";

S. 4439, to take certain Federal land located in Siskiyou County, California, and Humboldt County, California, into trust for the benefit of the Karuk Tribe, and for other purposes;

S. 4926, to amend chapter 33 of title 28, United States Code, to require appropriate use of multidisciplinary

teams for investigations of child sexual exploitation or abuse, the production of child sexual abuse material, or child trafficking conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

S. 4949, to amend title 38, United States Code, to address green burial sections in national cemeteries, and for other purposes;

S. 4978, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the State offices of rural health program;

S. 5016, to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Anchorage, Alaska, as the "Colonel Mary Louise Rasmuson Campus of the Alaska VA Healthcare System", and for other purposes;

S. 5066, to designate Mount Young in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes;

S. 5087, to amend the Not Invisible Act of 2019 to extend, and provide additional support for, the activities of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Justice Joint Commission on Reducing Violent Crime Against Indians, and for other purposes;

S. 5168, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to include aliens passing in transit through the United States to board a vessel on which the alien will perform ship-to-ship liquid cargo transfer operations within a class of nonimmigrant aliens, and for other purposes;

S. 5328, to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend terminal lakes assistance;

S. 5329, to amend the Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act to improve the program, and for other purposes.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 30, 2022.

HON. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Please be advised that I will resign from the United States House of Representatives effective at 11:59 p.m. on December 30, 2022. It has been my high honor and privilege to represent the people of the First Congressional District of North Carolina for more than eighteen years. And I thank you for your friendship and leadership.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

G.K. BUTTERFIELD,
Member of Congress.

HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

September 30, 2022:

H.R. 6833. An Act making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8656. An Act to designate the clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Mishawaka, Indiana, as the "Jackie Walorski VA Clinic".

October 4, 2022:

H.R. 5577. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Crown Road Southwest in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "John R. Lewis Post Office Building".

H.R. 6899. An Act to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from engaging in transactions involving the exchange of Special Drawing Rights issued by the International Monetary Fund that are held by the Russian Federation or Belarus.

October 10, 2022:

R.R. 468. An Act to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit the use of incentive payments to expedite certain federally financed airport development projects.

H.R. 1766. An Act to enhance cooperation between the Federal Trade Commission and State Attorneys General to combat unfair and deceptive practices, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4877. An Act to amend the Small Business Act to require the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman to create a centralized website for compliance guides, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5641. An Act to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to increase the threshold for eligibility for assistance under sections 403, 406, 407, and 502 of such Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7500. An Act to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2022, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7846. An Act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2022, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 8982. An Act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to suspend temporarily rates of duty on imports of certain infant formula base powder used in the manufacturing of infant formula in the United States, and for other purposes.

October 11, 2022:

H.R. 91. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 810 South Pendleton Street in Easley, South Carolina, as the "Private First Class Barrett Lyle Austin Post Office Building".

H.R. 92. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Johnson Street in Pickens, South Carolina, as the "Specialist Four Charles Johnson Post Office".

H.R. 2142. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Manhattan Avenue in Buffalo, New York, as the "Indiana Hunt-Martin Post Office Building".

H.R. 3508. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39 West Main Street, in Honeoye Falls, New York, as the "CW4 Christian J. Koch Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 3539. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 223 West Chalan Santo Papa in Hagatna, Guam, as the "Atanasio Taitano Perez Post Office".

H.R. 5809. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1801 Town and Country Drive in Norco, California, as the "Lance Corporal Kareem Nikoui Memorial Post Office Building".